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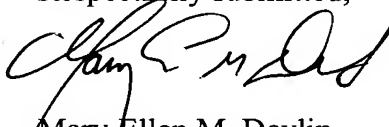
PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the time for responding to the Action mailed on September 10, 2004 be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for one (1) month, so that the extended period for response will end on January 10, 2005.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17 for this extension of time is \$120.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this and any other fee which may be required, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-2955. This paper is enclosed in triplicate.

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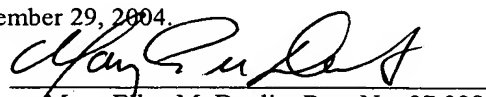
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